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Applicants:

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LIGHT-CONTROLLED ELECTROKINETIC ASSEMBLY OF

PARTICLES NEAR SURFACES

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 24 and 31, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 20, 25, 27, 28, 30, 32 and 40 as follows.

20. (Amended)

A planar array of beads comprising beads having biomolecules attached to their surfaces, wherein the beads comprise different head types, said bead types being distinguishable by the biomolecules attached thereto.

CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION

I hereby certify that this <u>Preliminary Amendment</u> is being facsimile transmitted to facsimile no. (703) 308-4242 to the Assistant

Commissioner for Patents on the date shown below

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Date: November 7, 200

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